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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A side air bag device for a vehicle comprising:

a plurality pair of air bags which are accommodated in folded states in a side of a seat for an occupant; and which are expanded by a gas generated by

an inflator communicating with the plurality pair of air bags to expand said air bags by a gas from the inflator upon side collision of a vehicle to be deployed said air bags between an inner surface of a side of a vehicle compartment and the occupant upon side collision of the vehicle; and

a one way valve mounted in an outlet of the inflator communicating with any one of said air bags thereby inhibiting a back flow of the gas from said one air bag;

wherein internal pressures in the plurality pair of deployed air bags are different from one another in response to occupant restraint loads.

2. (Currently amended) A side air bag device according to claim 1, wherein the gas generated by the single inflator is diverted by a branching pipe and supplied to the plurality pair of air bags.

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4. (Original) A side air bag device according to claim 3, wherein said side air bag device includes a first air bag deployed to a side of a waist of the occupant, and a second air bag deployed to a side of a breast of the occupant, and the one-way valve is mounted on the outlet of

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the branching pipe communicating with said first air bag.

5. (Previously amended) A side air bag device according claim 1, wherein said side air bag device includes a first air bag deployed to a side of a waist of the occupant, and a second air bag deployed to a side of a breast of the occupant, said first air bag being deployed from a seat cushion, and said second air bag being deployed from a seat back.

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